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Testimony re: Bill 15,CD2 FD1-Ozawa

Dear City Councilmembers,

I strongly oppose removing the clean water funding for Kanewai Spring (Kuliwai Lagoon).

As you may be aware, this is the last large spring that flows to Maunalua Bay – an area we are all agreed is strongly in need of all the help and restoration to good health it can obtain. It does not seem like a good move to remove one of the few resources that aids and supports the bay, Paiko Lagoon, marine life and the ocean.

The spring is also at the heart of a very significant cultural and historical area in East Honolulu and restoration as an important cultural teaching site should not be stopped dead just as real progress is being made. In the last few years the rich cultural and historical elements of East Oahu are being newly rediscovered, recovered and preserved. Kanewai Spring is a valued site in this respect, along with its importance as one of the few remaining sources of fresh water for the bay. I strongly believe that we must stop destroying what remains of our environmental treasures and, given what we know about the coming weather changes, water is especially important to preserve and conserve.

Please reinstate funding for Kanewai Spring and oppose the amendment to remove the funding.

Thank you for you kind attention,

Mahalo,

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